

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted to address the issued raised in the Office Action mailed June 26, 2003.

Claims 8-11, 13, 15 and 20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 8-10, 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani, U.S. Patent No. 5,786,106 ("Armani") in view of Soon, U.S. Patent No. 5,901,206 ("Soon"). Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani and Soon in further view of Sharrah et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,871,272 ("Sharrah"). Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani and Soon in further view of Mallory, U.S. Patent No. 4,499,525 ("Mallory"). Applicants' respectfully request consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner objected to claims 8 and 15 because of an informality.

Applicant has amended claims 8 and 15. No new matter has been added. Support for the requested amendment can be found on pages 13-14 of the specification. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Objections to Claims 8 and 15

The Examiner objected to claims 8 and 15 because of the following informalities: "In line 8 of claim 8 'the housing' should be more descriptive since two different housings are being claimed. In claim 15, '15..' should read --15.--."¹ Applicant has amended claim 8 by including the terminology "power house unit" to differentiate the claimed housings of claim 8. Applicant has additionally amended claim 15 to read "--15.--." Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these objections.

Claims 8-10, 13, and 15 -- 35 USC §103(a)

The rejection of claims 8-10, 13, and 15 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani in view of Soon is respectfully traversed.

¹ Office Action Mailed June 26, 2003.

A feature of the present invention is the static integration of the individual components that comprise the power source unit. In the claimed embodiment, the present power source unit encompasses a unitary housing wherein a light source is in communication with a power source. Moreover, the unitary housing exhibits a lens in one of its walls, which allows the light produced from the light source to illuminate the surrounding area. The unitary housing integrating these individual components enables the power source unit to be adapted to a telecommunications device.

The battery pack disclosed in Armani comprises a removable supplemental feature cartridge. The removable supplemental feature docks with the power source component of the battery pack. The function of the supplemental feature cartridge varies depending on the desired application. For example, the supplemental feature cartridge may function as light, alarm clock, or garage door opener.²

Due to the variety of supplemental feature cartridges contemplated, a fundamental property of the Armani battery pack is the dynamic integration of its individual components. This dynamic integration is in opposition to the static integration of the individual components comprising the present power source. Moreover, the dynamic integration of the individual components in Armani precludes the use of a unitary housing for the power source unit. The individual components in Armani must be free to separate from one another in order to realize the interchangeability and subsequent versatility offered by the supplemental feature cartridges. The individual components of the present power source, however, are all contained in a single housing, which prevents them from being easily removed or interchanged with other components. As a result Armani does not recite and teaches away from a power source wherein the individual components comprising the power source unit are statically integrated.

The differences between the present power source and the battery pack of Armani are additionally exemplified by the manner in which the light source connects with the power source. In the present invention, the light source and the power source are arranged in a single closed circuit as demonstrated in Figures 1c, 2c, and 3. In the Armani reference, however, the light source and power source are not arranged within a single closed circuit. As depicted in Figures 8-10, the circuitry of the light source must dock with the circuitry of the battery pack in

² Armani, Col. 3, lines 5-10.

Armani through electrical contacts. The dynamic integration of the light source with the battery pack necessitates this arrangement. In contrast, the static integration of the light source in the present invention allows for the light source and power source to be arranged in a single circuit. As a result, Armani does not recite and teaches away from a statically integrated power source unit comprising a unitary housing as described by the present application.

Furthermore, the Soon reference does not cure the deficiencies of Armani. Soon discloses a portable telephone with a light. The present invention is a power pack adaptable to a portable telecommunications device but is not a telecommunications device itself. Soon does not recite or teach a power source unit containing a light that is adaptable to various telecommunication devices.

As discussed above, the combination of Armani and Soon fails to demonstrate the present invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 8-10, 13, and 15 are patentable over Armani in view of Soon and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

Claim 11 -- 35 USC §103(a)

The rejection of claim 11 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani and Soon in further view of Sharrah is respectfully traversed.

Sharrah is directed to a flashlight with a rotatable lamp head that is not adaptable to a telecommunications device such as a phone or cellular phone.

Claim 11 depends from claim 8. As discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is patentable over Armani in view of Soon. Moreover, Sharrah fails to cure the deficiencies of Armani and Soon, and Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is patentable over Armani and Soon and in further view of Sharrah. As claim 11 depends from claim 8, Applicant likewise respectfully submits that claim 11 is also patentable, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Claim 20 – 35 USC §103(a)

The rejection of claim 20 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Armani and Soon in further view of Mallory is respectfully traversed.

Mallory is directed to a portable flashlight containing circuitry that allows the flashlight to have a constant illumination output over the lifetime of the batteries.

Claim 20 depends from claim 8. As previously discussed, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is patentable over Armani in view of Soon. In addition, Mallory fails to cure the deficiencies of Armani and Soon, and Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is patentable over Armani and Soon in further view of Mallory. As claim 20 depends from claim 8, Applicant likewise respectfully submits that claim 11 is also patentable, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection.

Dependent Claims

In responding to the claim rejections above, Applicants submit that the dependent claims are patentable based on their dependency from independent claims, which Applicants argue are patentable. Thus, in many instances, Applicants have not provided separate remarks specifically directed to the Examiner's grounds for rejecting the dependent claims. Applicants' failure to comment on or otherwise traverse the Examiner's rejection of the dependent claims should not be viewed as agreement, on the part of the Applicants, with the Examiner's grounds for rejection.

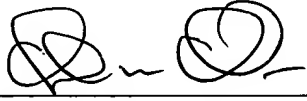
CONCLUSION

All alleged bases for rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot in view of the foregoing amendment and remarks. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding rejections be withdrawn, and that the application be allowed. A favorable Office Action is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 336-607-7315 to discuss any matter relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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